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Mark Hebscher was the guest speaker at the Wild Game Dinner hosted by the Fort Erie Meteors last Thursday at the Fort Erie Letsureplex. See page 30 for the story.

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# Fort Erie could become the Next Kraft Hockeyville

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

A resident thinks Fort Erie has what it takes to become the next Kraft Hockeyville.

When Fort Erie's Paula Barnhart was watching a televised hockey game earlier this month, she saw a commercial for the Kraft Hockeyville competition.

"I thought we have what it takes to win," Barnhart told Fort Erie's councillors during a council meeting on Monday night.

Barnhart asked council to help her promote to the competition.

Seeing Fort Erie win the competition would be appropriate because the town has a rich history of hockey which includes the municipality's minor hockey league, junior B hockey team, and a number of NHL players and referees that have come from the community, Barnhart said.

It's also fitting because the Kraft family, who cre-

ated Kraft Foods Inc., is originally from Stevensville, she added.

As part of the competition, Kraft Foods Inc. is offering a community an opportunity to host a pre-season National Hockey League game and a \$100,000 prize for arena upgrades.

The second place winner will receive \$100,000 for arena upgrades, and eight other communities will each receive \$25,000 for arena upgrades.

Over the course of the last 10 years, Kraft Hockeyville has contributed over \$2 million to 53 communities across Canada as part of the competition.

In order to win, contestants must show their commitment and passion for hockey, how the prize money would be used and demonstrate how hosting a pre-season NHL game would benefit the community.

Residents are encouraged to get involved in promoting Fort Erie as the next

Kraft Hockeyville by using the hash tag #KHV\_FortErie when using social media platforms such as Twitter.

Multiple nominations may be submitted for the same community and the deadline to submit a nomination is Feb. 7.

The top ten finalists will be selected and citizens across Canada will vote for the winners between March 13 and March 14. The winners will be announced on April 2.

Mayor Wayne Redekop thanked Barnhart for the presentation she made to councillors and recommended that she work with Janine Tessmer, the Town's new communications officer, to promote the competition and encourage members of the community to get involved.

For more information about the Kraft Hockeyville competition visit <http://khv2016.ca>

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## Briefs

### EDTC requests \$648,852 in funding

The Economic Development and Tourism Corporation has asked the Town of Fort Erie for \$648,852 to help attract new business to Fort Erie.

The funding, which will be considered as part of the 2016 general levy budget, represents a 1.4 per cent increase from 2015, or \$9,155.

During a presentation to council last Wednesday, Jim Thibert, the general manager of the EDTC, provided an overview of the current economic state in Fort Erie. He said the declining value of the Canadian dollar and rising energy costs have had a negative impact on Fort Erie's economy.

He outlined the role of the EDTC, which is to "attract tourism" and growth opportunities for business.

Thibert noted important projects, including the Canadian Motor Speedway, the development of over 300 acres of land surrounding the Fort Erie Race Track and the revitalization of Miller's Creek Marina, which will be game changers for the town. The budget request is expected to be approved

during the general levy debate on Jan. 27. The final 2016 budget bylaw is expected to be approved by council during a meeting on Feb. 22.

### Library patronage expected to grow

The Fort Erie Public Library's three branches were visited a total of 175,000 times last year by 9,000 patrons and that number is expected to climb in 2016, according to Craig Shufelt, the library's chief executive officer.

"Our goal is to see that number increased over the next three years," he said.

In order to accommodate growing numbers and to improve services, Shufelt said the library is requesting a \$1,478,087 grant, which will be considered as part of the general levy operating budget. The request represents a 2 per cent increase, or \$28,982 more than last year.

Council listened to a presentation from Shufelt, and library board chairman Larry Graber last Wednesday, which outlined some of the improvements to services in 2015 which include a new play structure at the

Crystal Ridge branch, new computers and devices at all three branches, a 3D printer and the expansion of the homework help program at two branches.

Shufelt said a new strategic plan to identify the library's needs will be completed in the spring.

Improvements that will be completed this year include having wireless printing installed by the summer, new seating for all three branches, more Chrome books and laptops, updated signage at both Stevensville and Crystal Ridge Branches as well as more materials including ebooks, which has increased from 1.6 per cent in 2011 to 11.8 per cent in 2015.

Over the course of the next three years, Shufelt said the library is likely going to ask for anywhere from a 1.7 to 2 per cent increase in funding each year.

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# Sabres fans could win big by helping critters in need

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

Buffalo Sabres fans won't want to miss a chance to win two tickets to a game in exchange for helping critters in need.

David Barr, assistant coach to the Buffalo Sabres recently donated two tickets to a game at the First Niagara Center in Buffalo on Feb. 12 against the Montreal Canadiens to the Fort Erie SPCA.

"He surprised us with the

tickets (on Friday) and it was beautiful. It was a nice finish to the day," Wendy Trombley, the animal shelter's manager, said.

Staff at the SPCA are raffling the tickets off to raise money for the animal shelter. Tickets are being sold at the shelter, at 410 Jarvis St., until the draw is held on Feb. 5. Tickets for the draw are \$10 each.

The proceeds will be used to spray and neuter pets, purchase food and pay for other costs associated with

operating the shelter.

The Sabres also donated a jersey signed by all of the team members, which will be raffled off during the shelter's annual Johnny Cash tribute show in June, featuring Jim Yorlido and Pam Yorlido as Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash.

For more information about the SPCA and how to help animals in need call 905-871-2461.

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Jody Catalano and Callie, a two-year-old 'Buffalo Terrier' are the Fort Erie SPCA's biggest Buffalo Sabres fans. The shelter is giving away two tickets to a Sabres game in February to raise money for the shelter.

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# Habitat for Humanity needs help to build two Fort Erie homes

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

As the old expression says, 'Many hands make light work.'

That phrase rings true for Alastair Davis, Habitat for Humanity Niagara's chief executive officer, who says volunteers and financial donations are needed in order to begin the construction of two new single-family homes in Fort Erie.

"We need both financial resources and gift in kind," Davis said.

The non-profit organization requires building materials, and individuals with trades skills to complete electrical, plumbing "and everything that it takes to build a house" as "a donation or at a really significant discount."

Habitat for Humanity Niagara is part of a worldwide network that spans close to 80 countries that has built or repaired 600,000 homes for families in need. The goal of the organization is to rally volunteers and community partners to build affordable housing and promote homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Safe and affordable housing with no down payment, interest free mortgages are provided to qualifying families who would otherwise not be able to purchase their own home.

The land that the homes will be built on, at 531 Crescent Road, was given to Habitat for Humanity Niagara last year by a private donor.

The cost to build one home is \$110,000 in Fort Erie. While a number of organizations have committed funds to the build, the Fort Erie Steering Committee, which is tasked with raising the funds to build both homes, is only about halfway toward reaching the goal for funding the first home.

Construction of the homes was originally set to begin in the spring, however the project will now likely begin in the fall.

"We want to do a build in 2016 and it's important that we keep moving forward. We have to assess and judge the project and when we'll have the resources in place, we will begin," Davis said.

Through the organization's Adopt a Day program, it allows churches, service clubs, and work places to "be both a donor and have an experience and team building opportunity" by working for the day at a build site.

"We have professional trades people and people that have never touched a roller before in their life," Davis explained.

"People can come for the day and help build the new house. We have people there to show other people how to do things."

According to the chairman of the Fort Erie Steering Committee, Tom Valliquette, Fort Erie has a "rich history of helping one another."

"Since I have been involved with this initiative, I have become more impressed with both Hab-

itat Niagara and how they can greatly improve the lives of so many deserving families," he said.

"The positive results of a successful build help to strengthen our community as a whole when we all work together for a common goal."

Karen Audet, a member of the Fort Erie Steering committee, encourages everyone who has a passion for helping others to get involved in the project, whether it's making a financial donation or volunteering their time to help build the home.

"I think we forget that all of us on the planet belong to each other. We are all responsible for the human condition and it starts with making a difference one life at a time," Audet said.

"The Habitat for Humanity project allows our community to come together and help improve the life of a family. Giving them a hand up offers them a chance not only to become homeowners, but also to become stable and contributing members of our community."

Habitat for Humanity Niagara is co-hosting a Greater Fort Erie Chamber Business After Five event at Town Hall on Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Members of the community are invited to learn more about the project and how they can help.

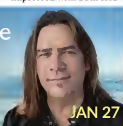
For more information about how to help call Dawn Cavin, a development officer at Habitat for Humanity Niagara, at 905-685-7395 ext. 204.



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Alastair Davis, Habitat for Humanity Niagara's chief executive officer, announced last September that the charity will build two single-family homes on Crescent Road for families in need.

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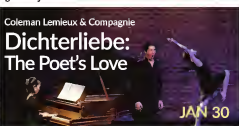
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## Town warns residents of door-to-door scam

The Town of Fort Erie is warning residents about a door-to-door scam.

A number of residents have expressed their concern about individuals who go from door to door claiming they are representatives of the Town and saying that the drinking water supply is unsafe to drink.

In a press release issued to the public, Grant Boutin, manager of water and wastewater services, said staff have consulted with the Niagara Regional Police about this issue.

Residents are encouraged to obtain personal descriptions of these individuals, along with their business card information, vehicle make, model and licence plate numbers and forward this information to the police.

The press release stated that Fort Erie's drinking water "is safe and continues to meet all drinking water quality objectives as legislated by the province on Ontario."

If anyone has a concern about their drinking water visit [www.forterie.on.ca](http://www.forterie.on.ca) or

call Grant Boutin at 905-871-1600 ext. 2462 for more information.

## New leaders for poverty network

With a new year comes new leadership at Niagara Poverty Reduction Network.

The network, which includes more than 30 organizations and individuals working to raise awareness of poverty issues and solutions, has named Glen Walker as its new chair.

Walker is executive director of Positive Living Niagara and comes with an extensive background in community development, as well as and health and developmental services.

He is joined by vice-chair Melanie Neamtz, who as community connections co-ordinator with Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre works to improve opportunities for youth in the region.

"The Niagara Poverty Reduction Network has become a strong and reliable voice on poverty issues within our region and I am proud to take on the role of chair," Walker said in a news release.

"Together we can wipe out poverty."

For more information on the network, visit [www.wipeoutpoverty.ca](http://www.wipeoutpoverty.ca).



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## Point of View

### First past the post promotes diversity

When Canada became a country, we inherited a constitution "similar in principle" to that of Great Britain. That gave us parliamentary democracy and responsible government. It also gave us our first-past-the-post electoral system.

For nearly 150 years, Canadians have shuffled to the polls, and for nearly 150 years they've elected governments that have done a pretty good job at governing. But lurking in the background is the idea that this system somehow isn't quite good enough, isn't progressive or fair.

Proponents of reform worry that not every vote counts and that Parliament doesn't accurately reflect what Canadians want or who they are. At the extreme, some groups contend Canada under first past the post is simply not a democracy.

It's true, first past the post can lead to some odd results.

When there are more than two parties, a party can form a majority government with less than 50% of the vote. Sometimes the results are seriously skewed, as when the Progressive Conservatives were reduced to two seats in 1993, despite winning 16% of the popular vote.

As a result, you can find an endless array of proposals for how to reform our electoral system. But, the reason there are so many reform options is because people don't agree on what an election is for. Is it to send local representatives to Ottawa? To make sure all voices from all corners of the country have a say? To ensure the demographic makeup of Parliament mirrors that of the country?

Here's what elections are for: They exist to throw the old gang out and bring in a new gang. For the process of flushing out and renewing the elite political class in this country, first past the post does a pretty good job.

What proponents of electoral reform see as flaws in first past the post are actually the traits that make it good. What produces the satisfying seat swapping when one party's time to govern has come also produces governments that appear to have inflated mandates. That's not a bug in the system, it's a feature.

Canada is a diverse country, geographically, ethnically, politically. One of the virtues of first past the post is it allows a stable government to be formed by a substantial and coherent plurality of voters.

Under first past the post, our governments are elected with wide -- if perhaps not always deep -- mandates to govern as they see fit. This allows us to get things done, while providing clean lines of accountability.

Which means if we don't like it, we can always toss them in four years.

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## Do you remember?



Our thanks to Sandra (Sturm) Pooler, Violet Ashton and Jana Thompson for phoning in about last week's photo. Jana is the daughter of Willis S. Thompson former administrator at Douglas Memorial Hospital who is shown in the photo. Sandra and Violet shared fond memories Mr. Thompson. He had hired Sandra as switchboard operator in the 1960s in the days of headsets and plugging in to be connected. Violet worked as a dietary aide during that same time period. Our thanks as well to Debbie Ashworth who wrote in the identify Margaret Mindorff in this photo. A big thank you to Melissa Puchalski and her uncle who worked together to identify the previous week's photo of the dancer. This was Melissa's uncle Stephen Suggitt, age 12 doing the twist at FESS about 1965. This week's photo has the words, "high school" written on the back. Do you remember the names of the people in this production or do you recognize yourself in this play? If so, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us [museum@forterie.on.ca](mailto:museum@forterie.on.ca)

# Explore nature and you'll find snow fleas

Flea hunting?  
C'mon Plato.

No kidding, for naturalist author Donald Stokes tells us, "If you continue to explore nature in winter you are bound to come across Snow Fleas." He's right. It was over a long past Christmas season that we had discovered them on and near a stump at the roadway leading up to Marcy's cabin. The snow was darkened with black spots. There where the sun had melted a patch of ice somethings were



moving!  
"Springtails" said Ernie Giles, area naturalist.  
We stepped closer and to my amazement hundreds of little gray/black insects were hopping about.  
No kidding. Here in

dead winter time insects were alive and frolicking!  
Giles informed us,

"They're Snow Fleas we call Springtails."

Scientifically - *Achorutes nivicolus*.  
'Springtails' - why that name? Ernie said look closely. This consummate naturalist had a magnifying glass.  
"See the two appendages at the last body segment. They are like modified legs."

The little guys were constantly moving and springing a few inches. All I could see was

this quick movement.  
Remember that they are little specks!

On Jan. 14, Rick Doan rediscovered springtails in Marcy Woods.

We were told that the two appendages are folded up against the Springtail's abdomen and held in place by two clasps. "Look at after that isn't jumping."

Easy to say.  
Then I could see the two clasps spring out against the ground and the flea moved a couple of inches. "Springtail"

is a good name for it.

On this sunny winter day Springtails had come out to feed in the warmth of a micro-climate. I asked Ernie if this display was a mating frenzy.

No. They were just feeding on leaf mould, pollen or algae. Here at the base of the stump was plenty of leaf mould.

Look for the Springtails on a sunny winter day. They are more common than I believed. Think small. Enjoy nature.

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Tracks? A talk last month got me thinking about tracks; Animal tracks in the snow

This time of year I used to take some time to do some tracking. Three places this week you could find tracks -

Marcy Woods, Stevensville Conservation area and yes, the Friendship Trail.

I have some books, the best of which is the Peterson Guide to Animal Tracks.

A new hobby for 2016 - animal tracking?

# Volunteers ready to help complete tax forms

Isn't it amazing how quickly tax time rolls around?

The Fort Erie Public Library once again partners with Canada Revenue's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program to offer assistance with individual income tax preparation, for people who are unable to prepare their tax return by themselves and who cannot pay for professional services. Specially trained volunteers will meet one by one with taxpayers, to aid them in completing their forms if their income is low and their tax situation is simple. Several community-minded individuals



have taken the Canada Revenue training course and look forward to helping the residents of Greater Fort Erie. Appointments are now being taken for income tax clinics which will be held at the Crystal Ridge branch of the Library on Monday, Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Monday, April 11 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Centennial branch will

host clinics on Friday, March 11 and Friday, April 8 during the day and on Wednesday, March 30 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will also be a clinic with volunteers from the Professional Chartered Accountants of Ontario on Saturday, April 2 at the Centennial branch. Appointments are necessary for all income tax clinics. To book a time, to get the list of information needed to successfully complete a return, or to learn more about eligibility requirements, please call for information at any branch of the Library. There is no charge for this service. There's a buzz every

year at this time as Fort Erie children vie for the top spot in spelling. Students from Grades 3 to 8 across the town are busy practicing spelling words after they register for the annual Family Literacy Day Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie and the Fort Erie Public Library. Every speller who comes to the Centennial Branch on Wednesday evening, January 27 gets a prize bag. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 5:00 p.m., and wordlists can be obtained from the library's website [www.flepl.ca](http://www.flepl.ca) under For Kids/ Events and Programs.

Registration and admission are both free. Snacks will be on sale, and families, friends and the public are encouraged to come out to cheer on their favourite spellers, and perhaps a few celebrity spellers, as well.

Next week's movie at the library is The Martian, starring Matt Damon and based on the bestselling book by Andy Weir. This smart, funny, exciting film has been nominated for seven Oscars, including Best Motion Picture, Best Actor and Best Adapted Screenplay. The film will be shown at the Crystal Ridge branch on Tuesday afternoon,

Jan. 26 at 2 p.m., and on Thursday evening, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch.

There are story times for little ones at all three branches of the library next week. Stories for 2s and 3s is on Monday at 10:45 a.m. at the Stevensville branch, and on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Crystal Ridge. Family time with the Parenting and Family Literacy Centre will be held at the Centennial branch on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to these drop-in sessions.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.



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# Old Man Rock Band to meet at Sanctuary on Feb. 2

It has finally happened. Old Father Winter is holding us in his icy grip now. Despite feeling like a bear that only wants to curl up in his cave and sleep till spring, I realize I must resist this urge for my own sake. This is my new motto for this winter. Get out here and there to keep my sanity.

Let me tell you what we have going on at The Sanctuary in the near future. First up, I'd like to direct your attention to the classes that are starting back up in February.

The Old Man Rock Band is meeting again starting Tuesday, Feb. 2 (until April) from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The goal of this seminar is to create a caring and sharing environment for mature amateur musicians 35 years+ who are trying to get back into playing and creating music.

10 sessions will give you organized structured sessions with weekly practice, discussions, and presentations for an introduction fee of only \$150. A live gig is planned at



the end of class. Please check out [www.oldmanrockband.com](http://www.oldmanrockband.com) or email [andy@oldmanrockband.com](mailto:andy@oldmanrockband.com) to register or for more info.

For all the little actors in our community, the ladies from Down the Rabbit Hole Theatre Company are bringing back "Act Out!" - children's theatre classes. This time around (Monday, Feb. 22), four classes are being offered in addition to an "Audition Only" Soloist class at The Bell Tower Sanctuary in Fort Erie. Kids ages 4 to 6 can join the Kibitz Class from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., followed by the Mezzo Class for children between 7 and 9 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Majors class is designed for kids 10 and older and will run from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Blacklight

and movement class which is new, will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The earlier mentioned "Audition Only" Soloist class at The Bell Tower Sanctuary in Fort Erie will be in session on Wednesdays (Feb. 24) from 5:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. This class has been created for children who'd like to play a bigger role in the final theatre production. Classes will cost \$125

including 10 sessions and a show, as well as two tickets to the show and a professional head shot. The Blacklight and Movement and Soloist class are \$75 if added as a second class. Please email [downtherabbit@bththeatreco@gmail.com](mailto:downtherabbit@bththeatreco@gmail.com) to secure your spot or for more information.

Our lovely Susie will be back on Wednesday, February 10, with her popular Belly Dancing classes. Beginners will get busy rolling their hips to oriental music from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Intermediates are improving their skills from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. 13 sessions will cost \$156 or \$15 if you'd like to drop in for a trial. Please

email Susie to [safirahp-dance@yahoo.ca](mailto:safirahp-dance@yahoo.ca) to register.

The talented Melani Pyke is offering an Acrylic Class for adults on a beginner's and intermediate level running from Thursday, Feb. 18 to March 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The six-week class costs \$90 all materials included. Please email [feaclasses@gmail.com](mailto:feaclasses@gmail.com) for more info and to register.

We have some entertainment coming up as well. On Saturday, January 30 Chris Ayries is presenting herself to all of you on The Sanctuary stage. Chris recently moved back home and is very excited to introduce her CD "Momentum" to you. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, Eventvibe and Ticketcity for only \$20 (\$30 at the door).

Chris Ayries grew up in Ontario and started singing at an early age. Music has always been a big part of her life. She now moved back home after spending many great years in Calgary, Alberta. With her powerful voice, she carries

influences from Annie Lennox to Stevie Nicks yet her sound is completely her own. From singing for the choirs in Bosnia to belting it out hard in the studios of Nashville, every mile on the road has added another seasoning to the musical stew and added to her momentum.

Who loves The Tragically Hip - one of Canada's most popular band? Who doesn't,

right? Well, sadly The Hip are not in the budget but we have the next best thing - STRICTLY HIP - courtesy of Brokenkoven Productions. Mark your calendars on Feb. 6 and enjoy a night with familiar songs in great atmosphere. Doors open at 9, the show starts 9:30 p.m. Strictly Hip will be performing The Tragically Hip's 'Fully Completely'.

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The life time of this cycle can vary from years to decades and I am sure most people are familiar with this cycle.

All you have to do is, either break the cycle or



Dr. John Inigo

increase the length of each cycle. For example, if you prevent yourself from getting the cavity in the first place, you won't start the cycle. Or if you already have the cavity, keeping the filling smaller by getting treatment

earlier can lengthen the cycle.

If you already have large fillings, then getting crowns will lengthen the cycle by lowering the chance of fractures and cavity. The goal is to getting early detection and getting the proper restoration from the start. But the best way again is not to even start this cycle.

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, ON. He can be reached at [905.871.2903](tel:905.871.2903) or [905.894.5555](tel:905.894.5555). For further information and discussion, please visit his office at [www.inigodentistry.com](http://www.inigodentistry.com).

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## Fort Erie Waterfront Strategy

### Invitation to Attend Community Workshop #1

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Fort Erie Leisureplex Banquet Hall,

3 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie L2A 2S6

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated the **Fort Erie Waterfront Strategy** to identify opportunities to improve/augment parks, town-owned land, destinations and attractions along the Lake Erie and Niagara River shoreline. The Waterfront Strategy will provide a long-term vision and contain an action plan with short, medium and long term objectives. As well as an overall strategy for all waterfront lands, more detailed conceptual plans for two sites along the waterfront will illustrate opportunities for change.

A **Community Focus Group** has been organized to provide input to the project team. In addition, three community workshops are planned over the next several months to involve anyone interested in participating in the Waterfront Strategy.

Please attend the first community workshop on February 9, 2016 at the **Fort Erie Leisureplex**. The community workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an informal open house to review work-in-progress, followed by a presentation at 6:30 p.m. and table group discussions.

The table group discussions will help the team to develop:

- Key principles that should shape the Waterfront Strategy
- Opportunities and possibilities for change
- Key directions for the Waterfront Strategy

### STAY CONNECTED

For more information on the Fort Erie Waterfront Strategy, please go to:

<http://www.town.forterie.ca/pages/WaterfrontStrategy>

or contact:

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## TOWN OF FORT ERIE

### NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: TOWN OF FORT ERIE

FILE #: 350309-0402

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law Number 8-2016** on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 10th day of February, 2016, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below. No key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown since the by-law applies to all lands within the corporation limits of the Town of Fort Erie. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office and Community and Development Services office during regular office hours and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: [www.forterie.on.ca](http://www.forterie.on.ca).

### PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a Housekeeping Amendment in order to improve the Town's Comprehensive by-law by streamlining residential development by reducing the frequency and extent of site specific zoning by-law amendments. Changes to Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 are as follows:

### Amended Regulations in Existing Zones

The following sections in the Zoning By-law require revisions:

**Section 9.3:** Rural Residential RR Zone – Change to maximum building coverage.

**Section 12.3:** Residential 2A R2A Zone – Change to minimum front yard, minimum interior side yard, and maximum height for 2.5 storeys Single Detached Dwelling.

**Section 13.4:** Residential 3 R3 Zone

For Semi-Detached Dwellings – Change to maximum building coverage for 1 and 2 storeys, minimum front yard, minimum interior side yard, and minimum rear yard setbacks.

For Single Detached Dwellings Section 12.3 applies – (See Section 12.3 above).

**Section 13.5:** Residential 3 R3 Zone

For Duplex Dwellings – Change to minimum front yard.

**Section 14.3:** Residential Multiple 1 RM1 Zone

For Townhouses – Change to maximum building coverage, minimum front yard, minimum interior side yard, minimum exterior side yard and minimum rear yard.

For Single Detached Dwellings – Change to minimum front yard, and minimum interior side yard.

For Semi-Detached Dwellings – Change to maximum building coverage, minimum front yard and minimum interior side yard.

For Triplexes and Fourplexes – Change to maximum height for 2.5 storeys.

**DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.**

LAURA RUBANKO, TOWN CLERK



HARRY ROSETT/ANIM/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Firefighters from the Fort Erie Fire Department were called to extinguish a car that caught fire at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 last Thursday.

## No injuries in car fire

A driver wasn't injured after his vehicle caught fire in the parking lot of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 last Thursday.

Firefighters from the Fort Erie Fire Department were

called to the legion, at 130 Garrison Rd., at 3:15 p.m. to extinguish the fully engulfed vehicle.

"There were no injuries but the vehicle is completely destroyed," fire Chief Larry

Coplen said.

It took firefighters "about 15 minutes to put out the flames."

Coplen said the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

## Volunteer appreciation



SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Staff and volunteers of the Fort Erie SPCA celebrated the holidays during a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held at The Pledge Restaurant and Bar in December. The individuals involved in the celebration included Ikens Hilmayer, Jerry Burke, Randy Smith, Sandy Macnamara, Carlie Howard, Melissa Ott, Robyn Joyce, Beverly Ashey, Jody Catalano, Don Purvis, Susan Morgan, Marie Walker, Deborah Leblanc, Barb Bredin, Marie Sweetman, Wendy Trombley, Valerie Fidler and Roy Pastorius.

## Police Briefs

### Car crash on Point abino

Niagara Regional Police and Emergency Medical Services were called to a single-vehicle crash in the area of Garrison Road and Point Abino Road 9:30 a.m. last Wednesday.

Const. Phil Gavin said EMS was called "to assess the female driver for injuries" after the vehicle rolled into a ditch but he wasn't able to confirm if she was transported to hospital for any injuries she may have sustained.



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### ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS



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# Gouging 'needs to stop' at the pumps: Gates

RAY SPITERI  
Postmedia Network

Oil prices have hit a 10-year low, but drivers are not seeing the savings, says Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates.

The price of a barrel of oil reached a record low last week, dipping under \$30 a barrel. Despite declining oil prices, the price of gas in Niagara continues to fluctuate wildly.

For example, an Esso station on Ontario Street in St. Catharines was charging 76.9 cents a litre Thursday, while an Esso on Lundy's Lane was charging 92.5 cents.

The cheapest gas in St. Catharines is more than 10 cents less a litre than Niagara Falls, and average prices are above lows in 2008 and 2014, said Gates, who is the NDP's transportation critic.

"Instead of seeing savings as the price of oil goes down, Niagara families continue to pay more for gas," he said.

Gates called on the Liberal government to direct the Ontario Energy Board to monitor the price of gas across Ontario, reduce price volatility and "unfair" regional price differences, and to protect Ontario families from "price gouging" at the pump.

Five Canadian provinces have regulations on gasoline sales.

"When I initially brought this issue forward, the price of a barrel of oil was roughly \$40 — today it's barely hovering over \$30, but drivers in Niagara haven't witnessed any substantial savings," said

Gates.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: This is gouging and it needs to stop."

But analyzing gas prices is not so simple, said Dan McTeague, a senior petroleum analyst with gashuddy.com, a website that monitors gas prices across North America.

As an MP between 1993 and 2011, McTeague said he thought regulation was the "way to go."

But after spending years breaking down certain figures and "putting everything into perspective," he said it's important to consider the "last few independents you have left who are holding the major (companies) to account."

McTeague said the whole-

sale price of gas is 50.5 cents a litre.

But when provincial and federal taxes are included, that jumps to about 85 cents.

"That's the cost for a gas station to acquire the gasoline and put it in the tanks, before considering the cost of selling it to you," said McTeague, who is also the founder of tomorrowsgaspricetoday.com.

"You cannot operate at 85 cents or less."

He said from there, stations have to charge so much on every litre of gas to cover the cost of running a business, which could bring the price for customers to about 93 cents a litre.

McTeague said there is a margin for crude and for

refining gasoline.

According to gashuddy.com, the average price for a litre of gas across Ontario Thursday afternoon was 92.5 cents — 93.3 across Canada.

McTeague said the price of gas can fluctuate from province to province because taxes are different.

He said Niagara residents shouldn't look at the "rug of war" taking place between stations on Ontario Street in St. Catharines as an indication of what gas prices should be.

"That's just Pioneer and Esso duking it out. It's a mirage. It's not reflective of the actual prices."

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MIKE DINATISTA/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates wants the government to more closely scrutinize fluctuating gas prices across the province.



BOB TYMCZYZYN/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

The price of gasoline in St. Catharines dropped at several locations in the city last Thursday. While gas prices in Niagara Falls hover close to \$1 a litre, in St. Catharines some stations are as low as 77 cents a litre, Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates says they should be regulated.



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# Ate upped lawsuit

**BILL SAWCHUK**  
Postmedia Network

A Fort Erie man was in Superior Court in Welland last Wednesday wanting to raise the damages he is seeking to \$100,000 from \$25,000 in civil lawsuits he filed against Niagara Regional Police, Niagara Region, Town of Fort Erie and various politicians and staff.

Fred Bracken, who describes himself as a political activist, acted as his own lawyer and asked Judge Theresa Madoleto to allow him to move the lawsuits out of small claims court, where the limit is \$25,000.

The lawsuits allege staff violated Bracken's Charter rights and that police falsely arrested and illegally searched him.

The judge adjourned the matter until Jan. 20, to allow Bracken to file additional information.

Bracken said he brings his campaign to local council meetings and questions politicians, staff and the media in an effort "to hold them accountable." He then posts the confrontations on his YouTube channel.

The first lawsuit stems from an incident at Niagara Regional Police headquarters in Thorold in June 2014, where Bracken was given a trespass notice that barred him from attending Region property for one year.

Bracken has already successfully challenged the trespass notice in Ontario Court of Justice. That is the reason he is seeking additional damages in his civil suit.

Judge R.J. Nightingale recently ruled the trespass notice did indeed violate Bracken's Charter rights.

The civil lawsuit names the Niagara Regional Police services board, NRP Chief Jeff McGuire, three NRP officers, Regional Municipality of Niagara Corp., Region chief administrative officer Harry Schlange, regional Council, Gary Burroughs, former regional councillor Debbie Zimmerman and former St. Catharines mayor Brian McMullan.

It is Bracken's right, Nightingale said, to attend and participate in open council meetings if he is not violent, does not threaten violence and abides by the applicable rules.

The Region, Nightingale's decision reads, has "failed to explain why a significantly less intrusive but equally



Fred Bracken

effective measure was not chosen."

As a basis of claim, the civil lawsuit lists negligence on the part of the police, false arrest and imprisonment, illegal body search, malicious prosecution and misfeasance in public office.

Bracken is asking for punitive damages for the defendant's alleged abuse of authority for a malicious purpose and willful disregard of his rights.

He is seeking damages for his loss of liberty, physical, emotional and mental distress and indignity, as well as his loss of reputation.

None of the allegations in the claims in the civil lawsuit have been proven in court.

The second civil lawsuit was filed as the result of an incident at Fort Erie town hall in October 2014.

That lawsuit, which is also for \$100,000, is a result of police arresting Bracken for trespassing while he protested at town hall.

A trespass notice issued to Bracken on June 16, 2014, to the town said, "this extraordinary action has been taken because of your persistent and escalating confrontational behaviour with town staff."

Bracken is in the process of challenging that trespass notice in Ontario provincial court.

In the civil lawsuit, Bracken maintains the arrest was unlawful and violated his Charter rights. He names the police services board, three Niagara Regional Police officers, the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie and two town employees.

In the lawsuit, Bracken said police handed him a trespassing notice and a \$65 ticket for trespassing at town hall. Bracken ripped up the trespass notice, which banned him from the town hall offices for one year effective June 16, 2014. He was arrested and then told to leave town property.

As a result of the notice and the arrest, Bracken alleges police and town staff violated his Charter rights.

He is seeking damages for his loss of liberty, physical, emotional and mental distress and indignity, as well as his loss of reputation.

He also asked for punitive damages for the defendant's alleged abuse of authority for a malicious purpose and willful disregard of his rights.

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# Alzheimer's care includes friends

**CHERYL CLOCK**  
Postmedia Network

His gaze is locked on the TV screen. The Canadian pop-opera quartet, The Tenors, is performing a song on their *Lead with Your Heart* DVD, a show he's watched many, many times before.

And yet, each time, it captivates him as if he's just cracked the seal on the DVD and pressed play for the very first time.

Around him, there is a vol-

ley of conversation. There are people in his house, in his living room, talking about him. And yet, his attention is fixed on The Tenors.

He really identifies with music! says his wife of 31 years, Anne-Marie Pietrease.

Sitting next to her husband, Gary, on the sofa, she sends him a smile and puts his knee. Gary's eyes shift briefly to his wife, then return to the TV screen.

Nine years ago, at the age of 51, Gary was diagnosed early onset Alzheimer's, a disease that doctors suspect had crept into his life like a silent thief, five years before that.

Nearly a decade later, the essence of the 60-year-old man who Anne-Marie married, is gone.

Gary was a registered practical nurse, and specialized in people with Alzheimer's and head injuries. His final job was working for the March of Dimes, providing in-home care to people with head injuries.

A man who loved nature, he wore his trademark grey Tilley hat with pride. He had such an influence on his daughter, by the time she was one and a half years old, she could cup

her hands around her mouth and coo like a mourning dove. These days, even the birds fluttering to his backyard feeder have no interest.

Left behind, is the face of dementia.

It's been at least two years since Gary has spoken more than a few words. Anne-Marie misses their conversations. Every day, she gets him dressed and shaved. Sometimes he tries to put his arms in his pants, and his legs into his sweater. On a good day, he can pull up his zipper. She makes sure he eats good food. And that he is happy.

Anne-Marie is adamant that their life not be hijacked by dementia.

They go for walks, albeit shorter jaunts, hand-in-hand around their Welland neighbourhood. His two granddaughters, aged seven and nine, come over and play. And the couple still tries to attend musical shows, although as his attention shortens and his restlessness heightens, even that is in jeopardy of being lost.

Anne-Marie cannot leave Gary alone in their home. And even when she is at home, his attachment to her is strong. She leaves the sofa for a few minutes to make coffee in the kitchen, and Gary has diverted his attention from his beloved Tenors, to look for his wife.

Many mornings, before Anne-Marie retired from a career in life insurance, she would cry herself to work because Gary was so upset to see her leave.

"I'd cry all the way to St. Catharines, then I had to pull myself together," she says.

Across from him, watching the couple, is a woman who has been in their life for three years. Betty Bradley visits their home every week, through Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region's Friendly Visiting Program.

When Betty stays with Gary, Anne-Marie is free to leave for a couple hours.

She might run errands, or go for coffee with a friend. Other times she picks up a badminton, a cross between badminton and tennis with friends.

There is peace of mind knowing that Betty is at home with Gary.

"It allows me to play pickleball and not have to think about anything other than that ball going back and forth," she says.

Across Niagara, there are 27 volunteers, who visit 28 families, says Dawn Tuckwell, co-ordinator of volunteer programs with the Alzheimer society. Another 27 families are on a wait list. A telephone program started in January, for people in rural areas, in early stages of Alzheimer's.

There are an estimated 8,900 people living with a progressive dementia in Niagara. In 10 years, by 2026, that number will increase to about 12,470, and then to 18,000 by 2036, according to a report produced by Robert Hopkins.

The Friendly Visitor program targets people with dementia who are socially isolated; volunteers are trained and must be able to commit to at least one hour a week, for nine months, says Tuckwell.

Most of all, it's about friendships.

Indeed, life does not end when Alzheimer's begins, she

says.

After a person is diagnosed, and as the disease progresses, there is likely a flow of people who come into their home to talk about Alzheimer's. The person might even feel like they are burdening their families, albeit a self-inflicted thought. And they face an increasing number of personal losses, says Tuckwell.

The friendly visitor's reason for being is not to talk about Alzheimer's, unless the person wants to discuss the disease.

"That friend is just that — a friend," says Tuckwell.

They might go for a walk, have a coffee together, or simply talk. When Betty started visiting Gary three years ago, they were able to do more together. They leaved through books on birds and flowers, walked around the backyard flower gardens and once, Betty drove him to the mall to buy a Christmas gift for Anne-Marie. He chose a dove pin, with a red heart. These, most of their visits involve listening to Gary's music.

On this day, partway through Betty's visit, Gary stood up and claps. His eyes are still fixed on the Tenors, and he is giving them a standing ovation, alongside the video audience.

"He's right there with the Tenors," says Betty.

As much as she is a friend to Gary, she is one of a handful of people who underpin the foundation that is Anne-Marie's life.

"I worry about Anne-Marie," says Betty.

Anne-Marie takes a moment to consider her life with Gary. For now, she is happy.

"I'm pretty strong," assures Anne-Marie. "I'm a tough, old

bird.

"We have a lot of love in our family," cheryl.clock@snmedia.ca

**FRIENDLY VISITOR:** To learn how to become a friendly visitor with Alzheimer Society Niagara Region, call Dawn Tuckwell, co-ordinator of volunteer programs, at 905-687-6856 ext. 544 or e-mail duclock@alzheimerniagara.ca

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### Bouquet for good samaritan

I am sending a bouquet of thanks for the person who called an ambulance for a woman who had a bad fall on upper Jarvis Street last Wednesday around 3:30 p.m. Thank you again for getting me home.

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A very grateful thank you and bouquet for the ladies from a gift store in Ridgeway who helped me look for my lost car keys, and to the person who found them and turned them in to a local drug store. There are very kind people in Ridgeway.

### Bouquet for a gas station attendant

There is a wonderful employee at the Pioneer gas station on the Garrison who makes my day. I don't know his name but he is always smiling, and very cheerful. He makes your day pleasant. I told him last week if I won the lottery I would make sure he was taken care of.

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**Brick for new towers**  
A brick for whoever designed the new towers connecting the power lines across the Niagara River. What an eyesore. In this day and age when we can build tunnels under oceans it is hard to believe that these lines could not have been buried. Instead have these monstrous metal poles reaching into the sky alongside the Peace Bridge as an ugly reminder of our lack of imagination. It's a disgrace.

### Bouquet for store clerks

A bouquet for the pleasant and helpful clerks who work at Canadian Tire. I wish that I could say the same for the telephone manners of a few clerks who work at another department store in town.

### Send us your bricks and bouquets

Has someone done something nice for you and you would like to thank them? Do you have something to complain about? Send us your bricks and bouquets by e-mail to sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca, or mail them or drop them off to Fort Erie Times, 336 Central Avenue, Fort Erie, Ont., L2A 3T6.



SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Marilyn O'Neill and Joan Dubé are members of the Queen of Clubs. The women involved with the Queen of Clubs, a Fort Erie based club, support a number of initiatives that benefit the community, and across Niagara. These initiatives include the club's Hats of Hope, which provides hats to individuals who are battling Canada.

## Bringing Hats of Hope and help to people in need

**SARAH FERGUSON**  
Fort Erie Times

The Queen of Clubs may be a small group, but its members have big hearts.

"Right now, we're a small group with six members," said Queen of Clubs member Joan Dubé.

The other members of the group include Addy McNeill, Karen Belderman, Maggie Goding, Marilyn O'Neill and Wendy Gibson.

The Queen of Clubs, a group of women that like to golf, knit, and play cards together meet each month at the Fort Erie Golf Club. The club organizes events over the course of the year to support projects that benefit the community of Fort Erie.

Their highest fundraising project is for the Hats of Hope, a charity that has been providing stylish, designer hats to individuals undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

According to Gibson, Hats of

Hope happened "by chance."

After she watched a woman—who had lost her hair to chemotherapy treatments—shop for a hat in a boutique store in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Gibson knew she wanted to do something to help other women in similar situations.

"For obvious reasons, I knew the lady wasn't well and I thought to myself no one should have to go into a retail store and buy a hat when faced with such dreadful issues."

The funds to purchase the hats are raised through golf tournaments and euchre parties, which are hosted at the Fort Erie Golf Club.

The golf tournaments to benefit Hats of Hope will be held on June 11 and Aug. 19 this summer.

Dubé said the popularity of the hats have grown and the club began purchasing hats for men who are battling cancer and have lost their hair.

The Queen of Clubs also hosts

euchre nights and other fundraising events for different charities. At Christmas time, the women donated over 200 pairs of pajamas to the Kinsmen Gift of Love program and an annual spaghetti dinner is held each February to raise money for Fort Erie Meals on Wheels.

The Queen of Clubs is also hosting a euchre night at the end of this month to raise money to help purchase new equipment for Fort Erie Secondary School's student-run restaurant, the Pomegranate Restaurant.

Dubé said the funds will help ensure the students will have brand new state-of-the-art equipment in the kitchen when it re-opens in the town's new high school, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, next year.

For more information about the Queen of Clubs or any of its upcoming events call the Fort Erie Golf Club at 905-991-8883.

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Spencer MacKenzie showcased his talent during a show at Donnelly's Pub in Thorold on Jan. 8. MacKenzie is going to represent the Canal Bank Shuffle Blues Festival at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis at the end of the month.

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## Ridgeway youth headed for Memphis

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

Spencer MacKenzie may be young, but the musician is already making a name for himself.

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It's an opportunity MacKenzie is looking forward to. "I'm hoping to be influenced by all of the artists and the music while I am there," he said.

"I'm a little bit nervous, but more than that, I am excited than nervous. I want to see what it's like and meet new people."

A fundraiser to help send MacKenzie to Memphis was held on Saturday at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway.

"It exceeded expectations," MacKenzie said. "We raised more than we thought and everyone had a great time. It was better than expected."

The young musician is grateful for the community's support and would like to thank everyone who has helped him along the way.

MacKenzie picked up his first guitar and started singing when he was five years old.

His father, Rich, introduced him to all of the great musicians and bands: The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, BB King and others.

"I went for lessons with different teachers, not learning one specific genre but guitar in general," MacKenzie said.

It wasn't until he met fellow musician Elton Lamie that his passion for the Blues

ignited.

While his other music teachers taught him the notes to songs, MacKenzie said Lamie taught him the heart of music.

"He really pushed me. Elton is a mentor to me."

Before he was old enough to drive, MacKenzie admitted he has already put many miles on his parents' car, travelling each week to perform with well known artists in the Ontario music scene at open mics, blues festivals and other events.

He is currently working on his five-song recording which he hopes to release in February.

MacKenzie loves to perform for music fans, whether it's in front of a crowd of 300 people or three people.

"Just the way I make people feel. I love the feeling of when I am on stage. It's hard to explain," MacKenzie said.

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# Pathstone's Ellis Katsof retiring after 7 years at helm

GRANT LAFLECHE  
Postmedia Network

It all comes down to timing for Ellis Katsof.

For seven years, he steered the region's children's mental health agency through growth, labour disputes, changes to services and now a new facility for Pathstone Mental Health to call home.

His calendar is always full. Any personal plans he makes are at least six weeks in advance. That is just the price of the job.

But holding his grandfatherhood has changed his perspective on a number of fronts.

So at the end of last week Katsof stepped down from his post as Pathstone's CEO, leaving its future in the hands of a new generation of leaders.

"This is the right time. I am a grandfather now, and I want to spend more time with my family," Katsof said. "The capital campaign was more successful than we could have hoped for, and if I were to stay around any longer, Pathstone would begin the next big project and I would stay to see it through, which means a year or more. So now is the right time to retire."



JULIE JOOSAK/STANDARD STAFF

Ellis Katsof, CEO, Pathstone Mental Health, speaks during the grand opening of a new group home for the Pathstone Mental Health-Family and Children's Services Niagara Residential treatment program for youth was officially opened on Nov. 1, 2012. JULIE JOOSAK/Postmedia Network

The 64-year-old is stepping down as Pathstone is nearing completion of the new facility, presently under construction. Pathstone needed \$5 million to

build the facility, and ended up raising \$5.2 million. The extra money will be put toward the mortgage on the building so more resources can be directed to clinical

staff and services, Katsof said.

Katsof said he is most proud of Pathstone's efforts to reduce the stigma that surrounds mental health.

"It was something as simple as adding the words 'mental health' to our name. Before that, it wasn't clear really what Pathstone was," he said. "That way we were right up front with it, and people knew what we were all about."

The annual "Shatter the Stigma" campaign helped Niagara residents understand that mental illness should be treated no differently than any other ailment of the human body. Katsof said the campaign not only reduced general stigma, but encouraged people who needed help to come forward.

"We knew if the cam-

paigns were successful that our case load would increase," he said.

The growth in cliental put tremendous pressure on Pathstone, which had to manage more clients at a time when funding increases were not the norm. As a result, Pathstone ended up with long waiting lists of children in need of care.

"That is something we've only really got a handle on in the last few months," he said.

Pathstone has changed its service delivery methods for clients.

In the past, Pathstone clients would be assessed and then wait until the appropriate clinician is available for an appointment. Children could be waiting up to six months before being seen, Katsof said. The only excep-

tion would be children or youth in immediate crisis, such as those who may hurt themselves or others. Those cases are seen immediately.

Under the new model, a case worker calls the family within three weeks of initial contact, and that worker stays in constant contact with the family until the child leaves Pathstone's care.

Katsof said the process is somewhat more labour intensive but gets children and youth off the waiting list and into treatment much faster.

"I don't know what will happen should we face a real increase in demand, or how Pathstone will have to adapt if that situation arises, but right now it is making a significant difference."

Katsof said he is staying in Niagara and will stay in contact with Pathstone as a volunteer, where he will continue to work with the agency on the completion of its new facility on Fourth Avenue.

An interim CEO is expected to be named soon by Pathstone's board of directors, which will then begin a candidate search for a permanent replacement, Katsof said.

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# History tours a 'calling from God'

RAY SPITERI  
Postmedia Network

Lezlie Harper Wells will spread her wealth of knowledge about Canadian black history to a high school in New Jersey next month.

The Fort Erie native, who for more than a decade has offered customized tours of Niagara's Freedom Trail, relating the stories of black freedom seekers, was invited to speak to students in Newark in February.

"This is what I've been working towards," she said. "These kids need to hear this message. I am so happy to have this opportunity. I'm over the moon."

Harper Wells is a direct descendant of a freedom seeker who arrived in Niagara in 1850. Her great, great-grandfather fled slavery in Kentucky with his brother and nine year-old sister. They hiked thousands of kilometres alone by night, slogged through swamps and swam across rivers. They eventually crossed the Niagara River near Buffalo and settled along the northern shore at Fort Erie.

Harper Wells said her great-grandfather, who was born in Canada, left the country to fight in the Civil War.

"Born free in Canada, yet felt compelled to fight in the Civil War in the United States," she said.

Harper Wells started her Niagara Bound Tours nearly 12 years ago.

It's a one-person company and her office, she said, is in her one-bedroom apartment in St. Catharines.

"This is my calling from God," she said.

Niagara Bound Tours takes in several historical spots around St. Catharines, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie, intended to provide people with a unique insight into the migration of African Americans as they escaped slavery in the mid-19th century and settled in southern Ontario.

Tours include points where freedom seekers crossed the Niagara River, church that Harriet Tubman, a freedom seeker who settled in Niagara, helped



BOB TYMCZAK/THE STANDARD

Lezlie Harper Wells, founder of Niagara Bound Tours, which organizes customized, family-friendly tours of Niagara's Freedom Trail, relating to black history. Harper Wells stands at a plaque recognizing Richard Pierpoint, a leader of the black community in the time of the War of 1812.

build and worshipped in, and the landing point of Josiah Henson, believed to be the inspiration for a character in Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Along the tour, Harper Wells tells stories, explaining challenges those forced to flee the slave states overcame. Her tours also shed light on the Underground Railroad, a network of people who hid and guided slaves north to freedom.

Harper Wells said she does the tours for groups of two or more people. It was during a recent tour that she got the invitation to speak at a high school in New Jersey from a man who works in the Newark school system.

"It's about telling the stories accurately and authentically. (In 2015) we saw more return business than ever before," she said, noting in March it will be 12 years since she started doing the tours.

"I keep it fresh. I am constantly reading and learning about history."

She said during her February address, she wants the students to learn "why this history is important."

Others, such as Italians, Germans, Jews, or currently, Syrian refugees, have

gone through their own struggles, which is also important to recognize, said Harper Wells.

"It's something we can all learn from. Hopefully (her address) can help with their esteem, to instill their self pride,

to encourage people to keep moving and be the best that they can be."

Harper Wells said she has also gone into jails and spoken to inmates about "making better decisions going forward."

For more information, visit [niagaraboundtours.com](http://niagaraboundtours.com)

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## MARCH 2

### SLEEP FOR BETTER HEALTH

Learn about the health benefits of a good sleep and some tips on how to get a better night's sleep. Wednesday March 2, 6 to 8 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Rd. Call 905-871-7621 for more information.

## MARCH 19

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## Success in competition



KATIE BURMISON/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Members of the Crystal Ridge Figure Skating recently competed in the Charles Dowd Invitational Competition in Grimsby. Skye Martin competed in the John McKay Invitational in Tillsonburg in November and placed third overall. The club's coaches want to congratulate all the skaters for their hard work. From left, is Sadie Denham, Star 2, Karli Flake, Star 4, Skye Martin, Star 4, Lauryn Mowers, Star 3, Shelby Burnison, Star 3.

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# Meteors host Wild Game dinner

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

Interviewing athletes during or after the big game has been an interesting experience for Mark Hebscher.

Hebscher shared anecdotes from his years as a sports commentator on Global TV's Sportsline during the Fort Erie Meteors Wild Game Dinner last Thursday night at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

The second annual Wild Game Dinner, which was well attended by approximately 200 people, was held to raise money for the Fort Erie Junior B Scholarship Fund. A portion of the proceeds raised from the evening will also go to a charity in Fort Erie that has yet to be decided.

Hebscher has travelled across North America and interviewed some of the world's greatest athletes including Muhammad Ali, Donovan Bailey, George Chuvalo and Pete Rose.

According to Hebscher, the way sports interviews are conducted have changed over the years, going from one-on-one to having "55 microphones shoved in a guy's face."

"It's very different," he said.

Hebscher shared a few funny stories from his career,

which included what it was like to interview hockey star Wayne Gretsky, which he did "on many occasions."

"Wayne Gretsky is great. He revolutionized the game. But Wayne Gretsky sweated like a pig. How do I know this? I had to interview him between periods," Hebscher laughed.

On one occasion, Hebscher remembered having to sit next to the former NHLer in between periods, watching the sweat rolling down Gretsky's forehead to his nose.

"I was asking questions but I'm not listening. I'm watching the sweat on the tip of his nose," Hebscher told the crowd.

Hebscher reminisced about another occasion when he "had a bit of the flu" and while sitting under bright television lights in a hot studio, he interviewed an athlete that ate a lunch of pickles and salami.

"I remember the smell and as he was talking, I wanted to pass out."

Hebscher may have been on television for "many, many years" but he "didn't realize" how far his work reached people.

"You get used to where you are, someone might recognize you from television," he said.

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MIKE SANSANO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

The Fort Erie Meteors hosted the second annual Wild Game Night Dinner at the Fort Erie Leisureplex last Thursday in Fort Erie. Proceeds from the dinner supported the Fort Erie Junior B Scholarship Fund. Players Holden Garland, Mackenzie Passero and Frankie Franck accepted their scholarship cheques from money raised at dinner from Tony Passero, the team's director hockey operations.

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BRAD ZIEGLER/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES


The Welland Junior Canadians defeated the Fort Erie Meteors 3-1 Saturday at the Fort Erie Leisureplex. Anthony Passero scored the single goal for the Meteors.

## Fort Erie's Athlete of the Week




SUBMITTED PHOTO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Confidence Okonkwo has been named Fort Erie's Athlete of the Week. Okonkwo, using all of his 6'5, 190-pound frame, helped the Niagara Christian Navigators to an opening round Tribune Boys Basketball Tournament victory with a 24 point, 15 rebound and five steal night. He followed that performance up with a seven point, five rebound night in a loss to the 2016 Tribune Champions, AN Myer Marauders. Okonkwo a Grade 12 student at NCC has been a strong contributor all season long and has the NCC in first place sporting a 4-0 league record with playoffs right around the corner.



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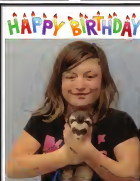
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**ARTT, Margaret (Peggy) Ann** - Passed away peacefully on January 14, 2016 at Douglas Memorial Hospital in her 88th year. Loving mother to Shawn (LeeAnne), cherished Gramma to Carson and Laurin. Forever remembered sister to Paddy Russ, Jimmy Art (Joanne), Timmy Art (Heidi) and Penny Hogan (Jim). Beloved aunt to Ryan Fuss (Kirsten) and Melissa, Amber Art (Shaun) Allison and Zachary Bush, Ashley Art (Rich) and Robbie Hogan. Peggy will be sadly missed by those who loved her and respected by those who knew her.

**DUMELIE, Bernadine Virginia "Bernie" (nee Halbach)** - Passed away peacefully at home early Saturday morning, January 16, 2016 at the age of 95. She is predeceased by her parents, one brother and seven sisters. She is survived by her two sisters Ester Ryan, Dolores Zeigman and one brother Cyril Halbach. Beloved mother of four sons, Jim (Karen), Wayne (Carol), Rich (Dianne) and Gary (Sandra). Also had many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday January 19th from 5-8 pm and on Wednesday January 20th from 10 am until service time at 11 am in the chapel. Interment followed at St. Joseph's cemetery. Her favorite charities are The Saint Plus X Society, and The Farina Center. Because of her great love of Families, please pray for the repose of her soul as well as all of our families, including your own.

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**BASSETT, Edna Mae** - Passed away peacefully on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Gilmore Lodge at the age of 95. Predeceased by her first husband Gilbert Carlsberg and daughter Donna, her second husband Charles (Red) Bassett and step daughter Diane Drons. Loving mother of Dianne (Jack) Metzloff and Cheryl (Terry) Horne and step mother to Judy (Dewie) Royal, Charlotte (Paul) Yewand and Heather (Paul) Litwiler. Cherished grandmother to 15 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. She will be missed by her nieces and nephews. A special thank you to the nurses, PSWs and staff at Gilmore Lodge in Fort Erie for their special care given to mom. Edna's family will receive relatives and friends from 12-12:45 pm on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at the **HENRY WALSER FUNERAL HOME**, 507 Frederick Street, Kitchener, 519-769-8467. Service to follow in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Private family interment at Woodland Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the St. Joseph's Foundation-Oranoga would be appreciated by the family (cards available at the funeral home). Visit [www.henrywalser.com](http://www.henrywalser.com) for Edna's memorial.



**GEORGE, Margaret RN (nee Yuhas)** - Margaret passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at Maple Park Lodge Fort Erie on Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the age of 102. Beloved wife of Michael. Proud mother of Greg (Pam) George, Geoff (Luanna) George, Edward (Jennifer) Reid-George and the late Jennifer (Fred) Louie. She will be sadly missed by her grandchildren, Daniel, Sarah, Maggie, Andrew, Lauren, Erica, Vanessa, Megan and Jackson. Cherished sister of Anne (the late Joe) Kravitz and lovingly remembered by the Kravits family as well as her friend and caregiver Tanya. Margaret started nursing in London at the St. Joseph's Hospital before moving to Fort Erie and a long career at the Douglas Memorial Hospital. She was a dedicated member of the community serving with the Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the St. Michael's C.V.L. and was a past Commissioner of the Niagara Parks Commission. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1101 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 and Wednesday from 2-4 & 7-9. Vigil prayers in the funeral home on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. Donald Lizzotti will celebrate the Funeral Mass at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. If so desired, donations to St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church Memorial Fund, the Alzheimer's Society or a Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

**JOHNSTON, George** - George passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Loving father of David (Dana), Valerie (Markus) Walser, Brian (Lisa), Andrea (John) Brocato. Proud grandfather of Eric, Sara, Nicole, Adam, Drew, Emily, Thomas Michael and Jonathan. Cherished brother of Betty Rae (Bud) Taylor and cousins Gail and Marlene. He will be fondly remembered by Margaret Johnson and his many dear friends. Predeceased by his granddaughter Julia. George was a longtime and proud member of Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71 Fort Erie. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1101 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Friends will be received on Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 pm until the time of service at 2 o'clock. If so desired, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. - *Unknown*

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**LAROCQUE, George Marlin Royce "Roy"** - Surrounded by his loving family Roy passed away peacefully at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Monday January 18, 2016 in his 83<sup>rd</sup> year. Beloved husband of the late Diane (2012). Cherished father of Michael (Val), David, Darryl, Michele (Gary) and Margie Larocque. Loving grandfather of Darren (Kathy), Jackie (Tim), Jocelyn, Jodi, Cara, Noah and the late Luces. He will be sadly missed by his 8 great-grandchildren. Son-in-law of Irene (Tride-Lofina) Hayhurst. Survived by many brothers and 1 sister and predeceased by 1 sister. Roy drove the school bus for many years and worked at the Fort Erie Raceback and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Special thanks are extended to Dr. Scher and the staff of Palliative Care at Douglas Memorial Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES** 722 Ridge Rd. North, Ridgeway. Cremation has taken place. Roy's family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 - 12 o'clock followed by a service in the chapel. For those who wish memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

## In Memoriams

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**Your Loving Husband,**  
Fred

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In loving memory of a dear mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother who passed away suddenly one year ago  
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Although our loved ones are out of sight  
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Of the ones they left behind.

Sedly missing you,  
daughter-in-law Marilyn, Todd & Eryn,  
Aaron & Mara, Chad, and great grand-  
sons Taylor, Drew, and Lennon.



**Windsoretta McMillan**  
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Our dearest friend, Windsoretta. You were cherished. Yesterday's memories will always be there since missing you never goes away. We miss your kindness, charity and especially your unconditional love for us. O.D.A.A.T.

**CHRISTIE, Helen Marie** - Passed away peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Saturday, January 16, 2016 in her 97<sup>th</sup> year. (Cremation has taken place) Beloved wife of the late Ken Christie (2007). Deeply loved mother of Lynn (Julie) Christie, Wendy (Bob) Gilmour, Janice Christie, Susan (the late Lyne) Bolbruck and Rodney (Betty) Christie. Survived by Violet Robson, B.C. and Lois Climerhaga, Florida. Grandmother of eleven cherished grandchildren and fourteen adored great-grandchildren. Predeceased by three brothers and five sisters. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES** 722 Ridge Rd. North, Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. A memorial service will be held at the People's United Church in Ridgeway on Friday, January 22 at 11am with reception to follow in the church hall. In lieu of flowers donations to the People's United Church in Ridgeway, in memory of Helen Christie, would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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